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SUBJECT: EPMG EFFORTS IN THE OGADEN

1. AUGUST 2 MEDIA REPORT THAT TEN-MAN HIGH LEVEL TEAM DEPARTED ADDIS ABABA AUGUST 1 FOR THREE WEEK WORKING TOUR OF OGADEN. PURPOSE OF TOUR IS TO ASSESS RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO LAUNCH IN OGADEN AREA OF HARARGHE PROVINCE. TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE MINISTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMERCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND MINES AS WELL AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION, THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF RELIEF & REHABILITATION COMMISSION, THE HARARGHE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND ATO ALEMAYEHU MAKONNEN, AN EXPERT ON BORDER ADMINISTRATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

2. MISSION OFFICER RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TOUR OF DROUGHT AFFECTED REGION OF OGADEN AND GOVERNMENT RELIEF CAMPS IN THE AREA. HE FOUND RELIEF CAMPS FUNCTIONING MORE EFFICIENTLY AND CAMP POPULATION CONSEQUENTLY IN MUCH BETTER CONDITION. HE ESTIMATED THAT MOST CAMPS CURRENTLY HAVE AT LEAST ONE MONTH SUPPLY OFFOOD ON HAND. SEPARATE TRIP REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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3. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER IT ENCOURAGING THAT HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION

BEING GIVEN TO LONG-NEGLECTED OGADEN. IT WILL BE EVEN MORE
ENCOURAGING IF, AS MIGHT BE PRESUMED FROM HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION,
CONCRETE ACTION IS TAKEN AS RESULT OF VISIT. RELIABLE SOURCE SAYS
THAT AFTER PMAC CHAIRMAN'S TRIP TO HARARGHE HE CRITICIZED MINI-
STERS' IGNORANCE OF REAL CONDITIONS IN FIELD, AND DIRECTED THEM
TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE MANY ACTIONS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN.
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